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Christopher M. Alston

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

(Dated as of Entered on Docket date above)

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

In re: Jason L. Woehler Debtor. Russell Brandt Plaintiff, v. Jason L. Woehler Defendant.

Bankruptcy 18-12299

Adversary 18-01169

**NOTICE OF TRIAL** AND ORDER SETTING DEADLINES

- 1. Trial Setting. This adversary proceeding is set for a three non-jury trial commencing at 9:30 a.m. on March 10, 11, and 12, 2020 in the United States Bankruptcy Court, 700 Stewart Street, Courtroom 7206, Seattle, Washington.
- 2. Compliance. Failure to comply with the procedures and deadlines set forth in this order may result in adverse evidentiary rulings and/or dismissal of the action. The trial may be stricken and the adversary proceeding dismissed with prejudice or relief entered without

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further notice, and/or evidence excluded, for failure to comply with this order.

- 3. <u>Disclosures</u>. Disclosure material shall not be filed with the Court except as exhibits or as evidence on a motion or at trial.
  - a. <u>Expert Disclosures</u>. All parties shall make the expert disclosures required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2) and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7026 by <u>January 10, 2020.</u>
  - b. <u>Non-expert Disclosures</u>. All parties shall make the disclosures required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3) and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7026 by <u>February 7, 2020</u>.
- 4. <u>Deadlines</u>. The following deadlines will not be routinely extended absent a showing of diligent prosecution and compliance with this order. All requests for an extension must be made by motion, noticed to all parties, and set for hearing before the applicable deadline.
  - a. <u>Discovery</u>. All discovery shall be completed by <u>February 7, 2020.</u>
  - b. <u>Business Records</u>. Any party intending to offer a record into evidence by declaration pursuant to Federal Rules of Evidence 902(11), 902(12), and 803(6) must provide written notice of that intention to all adverse parties, and must make the record and declaration available for inspection on or before <u>February</u> 7, 2020.
  - c. <u>Dispositive Motions</u>. Dispositive motions must be filed and served such that the hearing is held no later than **twenty-one (21) days** prior to the trial date.
  - d. <u>Exhibits</u>. All parties must exchange their proposed exhibits by <u>February 25</u>, **2020**.
  - e. <u>Briefs</u>. Plaintiff's trial brief shall be served and filed by <u>February 24, 2020</u> and defendant's trial brief shall be served and filed by <u>March 2, 2020</u>. At plaintiff's option, plaintiff may serve and file a reply brief by <u>March 6, 2020</u>. Trial briefs shall include, as an attachment, proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. All must contain the top notation required by Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(d)(1)(B).
  - f. <u>Pretrial Orders</u>. Counsel shall comply with Local Bankruptcy Rule 7016-1(b) in the filing of a proposed pretrial order. The pretrial order is due by <u>March 3</u>, <u>2020</u>. If you fail to timely file the pretrial order, the trial may be stricken.

g. Motions in Limine. Motions in Limine to be heard the day of trial shall be filed no later than noon on March 3, 2020 and any response shall be filed by noon on March 6, 2020. This order does not preclude a party from pursuing a motion in limine prior to trial in accordance with the notice and hearing requirements of LBR 9013-1 and having the motion heard on the Court's regular adversary proceeding calendar.

## 5. Exhibits.

- a. Numbering and Format. A number sequence shall be used for all exhibits (including experts' declarations) of all parties, with prefixes indicating the offering party, plaintiff or defendant (i.e., P1, P2, P3, etc; D1, D2, D3, etc.). Exhibits shall be pre-marked in accordance with this order. Any documentary exhibits which can reasonably be submitted on 8-1/2 by 11 inch paper shall be, with text on one side only. All pages within the respective exhibit should be numbered consecutively. (i.e., 1, 2, 3, etc).
- b. <u>Binders</u>. Any party submitting exhibits shall submit the exhibits in 3-ring binders. The binders shall include an index of the exhibits and each exhibit shall be separated with an index tab marked with the identification as set forth in paragraph 5(a).
- c. <u>Submission of Exhibits to the Court.</u> Parties intending to offer exhibits shall submit three (3) sets of exhibits in 3-ring binders for use by the Court, the clerk, and witnesses. To facilitate identification of exhibits for trial, parties intending to offer 10 or more exhibits at trial shall submit them to chambers by <u>March 6</u>, <u>2020</u> unless other arrangements are made in advance with Morgan Brannon (206-370-5331), Judge Alston's Courtroom Deputy.
- 6. <u>Mediation and Settlement</u>. If not previously filed, the parties shall file the Mediation Certification required by Local Bankruptcy Rule 9040-3. Within <u>five (5)</u> Days of the entry of this order the parties shall notify the Court if the matter is settled.
- 7. Confirmation. The plaintiff shall confirm that the trial is going forward not later than **noon** on **March 5**, **2020** by using the E-Docket Confirmation Process and by notifying any party not represented by a lawyer by mail, facsimile or telephone. Failure to comply may result in the trial being stricken and the case dismissed with prejudice. For information concerning the E-Docket Confirmation Process, please visit the Court's website at <a href="http://www.wawb.uscourts.gov">http://www.wawb.uscourts.gov</a>. Plaintiffs who are not represented by a lawyer may confirm a trial by contacting the Court's chambers at (206) 370-5330.
- 8. <u>Continuances</u>. Continuances are not routinely granted by the Court and will not be granted without a court order entered at least one week prior to the trial date. An agreed continuance may be requested by a letter addressed to the judge. The letter should include a representation that the continuance is agreed and proposed revised deadlines. A

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contested request for continuance must be made by motion and noted for hearing prior to the date of the trial. Unless the trial has been continued by order of the Court, the parties will be expected to appear for trial as scheduled. The parties must contact Judge Alston's Courtroom Deputy, Morgan Brannon, at 206-370-5331, for available trial dates.

/// **End of Order** ///

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